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#### **MESSAGE**

#### Editor's Mote

In June, when institutions and students have got NEET results and younger students are enjoying holidays very soon new admissions will start follwing summer vacations.



City Vibes utilizes this opportunity to bring **2nd Edition** of its digital monthly EDUCATION & CAREER (CVEC) magazine that will help students get all the information that they need at different phases of their academic and career making days

CITY VIBES 'Education & Career' monthly magazine covers important information relevant in helping us take informed decisions in different aspects of Parenting, Early education for our kids, choosing hobbies, schooling days of our kids, our selection of right study aids in the form of coaching and tuition, preparation for right higher studies institutions, searching for suitable career options, Education opportunities in overseas conditions and other relevant topics in our career and education journey.

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### **EDUCATION VIBES - Higher Education & Career**

### HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

MP govt to pay college fees for girls enrolled in engineering, law, IIT and medical colleges



"We have decided that under the Ladli Laxmi Yojana, fees for engineering, law, IIT and medical colleges will not be paid by parents, but by Shivraj 'mama'," the chief minister said.

Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Tuesday said the state government will deposit fees for girls selected to study in engineering, law, IIT and medical colleges under its Ladli Laxmi scheme.

Chouhan made the announcement while addressing Ladli Laxmi Utsav at his residence during the day.

"We have decided that under the Ladli Laxmi Yojana, fees for engineering, law, IIT and medical colleges will not be paid by parents, but by Shivraj 'mama'," the chief minister said.

He further said the "Ladli Lakshmi Utsav" will be celebrated in every city and panchayat of Madhya Pradesh from May 9 to 15, under which various competitions, programmes and health check-ups will be organised

Central universities faculty appointments to shift to CU-Chayan portal

The portal will provide a common platform for listing of vacancies, advertisements and jobs across all Cus

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched CU— Chayan, a unified faculty recruitment portal for Central universities. UGC chairman M. Jagadesh Kumar said the "user-friendly" portal would cater to the needs of all the stakeholders in the teachers' recruitment process.

"The UGC has developed this portal to create an enabling environment for both universities and the applicants, with universities driving all the stages of the recruitment independently, as is being done at present in the respective university," Professor Kumar said.

The portal will provide a common platform for listing of vacancies, advertisements and jobs across all Central Universities. "The portal makes the recruitment process completely online starting from application to screening, with alerts to all the users of the portal," the UGC Chairman said.

It will have features such as single applicant login for applying to any Central University, real-time tracking of application, personalised dashboard for each applicant, administration dashboard for each University or Department, and built-in email communication tool.

The applicant can also search for jobs using various filters like the name of the University, location, designation, category, subject, type of employment, experience and education level.

"The screening committee of the University can view details of the applicants; points or research scores given by the system; check the uploaded document against each entry point; and comments of the screening committee can also be recorded in the portal itself," Prof. Kumar said.

"Using this portal, Central Universities will continue to advertise the positions, collect online applications, shortlist the applicants, conduct the interviews and appoint faculty members, as they were doing earlier," he said.

"All the above activities will be carried out through the administration dashboard for each University on this portal. The UGC will be maintaining this portal for the benefit of all the CUs and is not a centralised recruitment process," he added.

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### **EDUCATION VIBES - Higher Education**

## **CAREER NEWS**

be included in the portal to customise specific needs of any CU. The UGC will also provide training to the CUs in using this portal," he said, adding that other criteria in the appointments, including reservations, will remain unchanged.

Chandigarh University offers support to 700 Indian students facing deportation from Canada



Chandigarh University will offer every kind of help to the 700 Indian students – who have fallen prey to fake college admission offer letters by the fraudulent consultants – if they are deported from Canada. Left in the lurch, 700-odd Indian students, mostly from Punjab, are facing deportation from Canada after the authorities in the country found their admission offer letters to be fake.

Chandigarh University (CU) chancellor, Satnam Singh Sandhu said, "The university will provide every possible help to these students if they are deported. We will give them admission and enroll them in the same batches. Their credit score mapping will be carried out properly. Bridge

courses will also be offered to them if needed."

Sandhu also said that if these students are deported, later the university will also assist them in pursuing their study abroad dreams in legitimate ways.

#### Ishitha Kishore - IAS All India Rank 1 achiever



All India Rank 1 achiever. Ishitha Kishore from Chennai, a shining star among the successful candidates this year, has secured the top position, adding to the Kingmakers IAS academy's remarkable track record. Estab lished in 2013, Kingmakers IAS Academy has emerged as a pioneer in providing comprehensive coaching for civil service examinations.

Mr. Bhoominathan, the driving force behind Kingmakers IAS Academy, has had a remarkable journey himself. Hailing from Alanganallur, he overcame numerous barriers and challenges as an IAS aspirant. Through his READY (Rural Empowerment And Development of Youth) program, Mr. Bhoominathan provides 100% scholarships to students who cannot afford the fees, especially those from economically weaker sections.

This year's achievements are a testament to the academy's unwavering commitment to excellence. With 151 candidates successfully clearing the civil service exam, including Ishitha Kishore securing the coveted AIR 1, the academy has added to its growing tally of 650+ successful candidates over the last decade.

#### Peace Dove "Franz Xaver Gruber" Travels from Austria to India at Chitkara University



Prominent artist and painter, KK Gandhi, who was recently chosen as the "Messenger of Peace" during his stay as "Artist in residence" at Hallein, Salzburg, Austria recently reached Chitkara University Campus with his Peace Dove "GruberTaube" of Silent Night Museum Hallein, Austria. His aim is to spread the message of peace, justice, freedom, humanity, democracy and human rights. Dr. Madhu Chitkara, Pro-Chancellor, Chitkara University, welcomed the artist.

Designed by the artist and sculptor Richard Hillinger, Peace Dove "Franz Xaver Gruber" is a bronze sculpture and acts as a messenger of peace. He came up with a concept of assigning individual doves to well-known people. (Contd... Page 8)

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#### **INSTITUTIONAL VIBES**

## The Assam Kaziranga University: A Paradigm Shift in Higher Education



In the lush green landscapes of North-East India, a beacon of educational excellence shines bright - **The Assam Kaziranga University**. Established in 2012, this renowned institution has emerged as one of the largest universities in the region, offering a diverse range of programs and empowering students with quality education. With its commitment to academic rigor, state-of-the-art facilities, and emphasis on holistic development, The Assam Kaziranga University has become a symbol of educational progress in the North-East. With its commitment to holistic development and a forward-thinking approach, the university has become a preferred choice for students seeking a transformative educational experience.

The Assam Kaziranga University takes pride in its multidisciplinary approach, providing undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs across diverse disciplines. Students have the opportunity to explore fields such as engineering, business management, hospitality, health science, computer science, and more, fostering a well-rounded educational journey.

Central to the university's success is its exceptional faculty, comprising highly qualified professors who bring valuable knowledge and expertise to the classrooms. They not only offer theoretical insights but also incorporate real-world applications,

preparing students for success in their chosen fields. The university places a strong emphasis on establishing industry connections, ensuring students gain practical exposure to the professional world. Through industry interactions, guest lectures, and internships, students develop practical insights, relevant skills, and enhanced employability, giving them a competitive edge. The Career Development and Placement Cell at the university provides dedicated services, prioritizing internships, alumni networking, and a track record of successful placements.

The Assam Kaziranga University prioritizes providing a conducive learning environment with state-of-the-art facilities, including well-equipped laboratories, libraries, auditoriums, gymnasium, Tal Brabo Industrial Robot, Solar Electrical Vehicle, IBM Computer Labs, Siemens Mechatronics, 3D printers, sports facilities and many more. It understands the importance of technology in education, offering students access to the latest tools and resources for their learning and research endeavors.

Promoting holistic development, the university encourages students to engage in co-curricular and extracurricular activities, such as clubs, societies, and cultural events. These platforms enable students to showcase talents, develop leadership skills, and

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#### **INSTITUTIONAL VIBES**

## The Asian International University:

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Asian International University nurtures a research-driven culture in all fields of expertise to ensure depth of understanding

and confidence in facing practical problems. The world class model has been the impetus of the AIU culture that is vibrant, innovative and purposive to our local environment. Its commitment to providing students a multifaceted all-round growth, It leverages its strategic partnerships with industry stalwarts for all its programs to create employable, bright and future-ready professionals. Given its industryoriented programs and emphasis on holistic development, AIU graduates naturally become the preferred choice for employers. Thus, the university develops honest future leaders for diverse high-growth sectors in India and globally.

The global standards are set in the field of 'Research and Publications' motivating us for relentless pursuit of academic excellence. The MOUs with various international universities are in vogue to provide for an exchange of students and faculty through academic and research immersion programs 'Encouraging International Collaborations for the mutual benefit of the

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## How is AIU different from Other Universities?

Here is what helps our university stand out amongst 700+ academic institutions in India

- Design thinking principles and a liberal curriculum to create a strong foundation for every program.
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- Adopts Integrated Learning as the Order of the Day by using Digital Education Platforms for Customized Teaching Pedagogies based on the Ability of New Age Learner.
- Prepare the students for new career choices that resonate with the learner's personality and interest (Contd to ...page 9)

#### **EDUCATION VIBES - Schools**

## **NEWS FROM SCHOOLS**

### City VIBES

## Bombay HC dismisses plea against 75% marks requirement in Class 12 exam for IIT admission

The Bombay High Court recently dismissed a PIL seeking relaxation of the eligibility criterion of 75% score in higher secondary examination while seeking admission to the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs).

A division bench of Acting Chief Justice S.V. Gangapurwala and Justice Sandeep Marne observed it cannot intervene at this stage and it was for the government authorities to consider and take a decision. "At this stage we can't intervene with the ongoing process. It is for the government to consider students' grievances," the High Court said.

According to the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Advanced brochure released this year, candidates should have secured at least 75% in Class 12 board exams. The public interest litigation (PIL) filed by activist Anubha Sahai said until last year, the eligibility criteria of 75% was not applicable.

With this sudden change in eligibility, lakhs of students may be affected, it was submitted.

Additional Solicitor General Anil Singh had argued for the National Testing Agency (NTA) that the policy of 75% criteria was applicable since 2017, was temporarily relaxed for the years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23. "It is not that we are implementing or reimplementing. This condition was kept in abeyance, and it has been revived," Mr. Singh said.

## NEP makes education a commodity: Kerala Minister



Kerala Higher Education Minister R. Bindu said the New Education Policy (NEP), released by the Centre in 2020, will function as a vehicle for "communalising and commodifying education". Inaugurating the 'Assembly on Education', organised by the All India People's Science Network, here on Sunday, she added that the NEP should be viewed in the "background of current sociopolitical situation" where communal forces are joining hands with corporate forces. "NEP urges to impose centralisation, denouncing the federal principles of the country," she said.

She demanded parliamentary scrutiny of the NEP. "The NEP has not been subjected to any legislative or social scrutiny; it has bypassed the parliamentary procedure; through a travesty of social audit, it has invited public opinion through UGC and disregarded the replies," Dr. Bindu said. "An educational policy should scrutinise the impacts, merits and demerits of the previous policy documents. But the NEP never makes an attempt to study the impact of the previous policy documents. Most of the time, it revels in a remote past in the glories of an ancient India," she said.

#### City's Ritvik bags AIR 200, Sanya AIR 344



NEET-UG results were declared on Tuesday and successful candidates from the city were in a jubilant mood. While Ritvik Anand of Ludhiana bagged the all-India rank (AIR) 200 with a score of 700, Sanya Aggarwal secured AIR 344. Besides, Garvit Khanna got AIR 1,092.

#### Singapore-India Teacher Training Project Benefits 60,000 Students and Educators in Bangalore



The collaboration between Singapore and India has helped raise capabilities and capacity among primary school educators in Bangalore in the areas of Mathematics and Science

The five-year Mathematics and Science Curriculum Enhancement Project, a collaboration between the Singapore International Foundation (SIF) and Parikrma Humanity Foundation, had a significant impact on education in Bangalore.

Led by Singapore International Volunteers (SIVs) from the education sector, the project aimed to enhance the

#### **EDUCATION VIBES - Ludhiana**

## **NEWS FROM SCHOOLS**

#### **ASIA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

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university and the aspirants.

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#### SINGAPORE-INDIA COLLABORATION

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Mathematics and Science curriculum in Bangalore. The SIVs trained about 160 Indian educators through workshops, equipping them with new skills to create more engaging lessons for their students.

A core group of 46 Indian educators were selected as

Master Trainers, who subsequently trained other teachers in their communities. Collectively, about 58,700 educators and students in Karnataka benefitted from this collaboration, ensuring improved access to quality education for children in the community.

#### The Assam Kaziranga University

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foster camaraderie, contributing to their overall growth as confident individuals.

The university's impact extends beyond its campus, actively participating in community engagement initiatives to address societal challenges, promote sustainable practices, and contribute to the overall development of North-East India. Collaborations with local organizations and government bodies like National

Service Scheme (NSS) further enhance its outreach.

KUEST, the Kaziranga University Entrance and Scholarship Test organized by The Assam Kaziranga University, supports deserving students financially. Through KUEST, students can demonstrate their abilities and earn up to 100% tuition fee waivers. By participating and being selected, students can embark on a life-changing educational journey at the university.

#### WHY AIU?

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#### **Career News**

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While visiting different people and institutions, its mission is to travel the world during ten months of the year and to return to the Silent Night Museum Hallein, in Salzburg, Austria, during the pre-Christmas season where the dove has a permanent home.

It is pertinent to mention here that the artwork GruberTaube (GruberDove) was assigned to the composer Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863), who created the music of the world-famous Christmas song Silent Night, Holy Night.

Interested individuals can complete the application form provided.

The Assam Kaziranga University stands as an epitome of excellence in higher education in North-East India. With its sprawling campus, emphasis on experiential learning, serene environment, career development support, global collaborations, and industry-experienced faculty, it offers a truly unique educational experience.

#### STUDY ABROAD

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#### **TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS:**

It is imperative that students find the best financial support to secure their years as a student. While higher education is a valuable investment, it is necessary for students to evaluate their profiles for a befitting scholarship too. Here the major types of Scholarships that students can avail.

#### **NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS**

These scholarships are given to students based on their financial need. An excellent opportunity for struggling students to make ends meet. There are some universities and colleges that do give out needs-based scholarships to international students. You will have to look at the institution's website to see what they offer foreign students.

#### **COUNTRY BASED SCHOLARSHIPS**

Many colleges and universities offer scholarships to students from certain countries, particularly those living in developing countries. There are also many private institutions which give scholarships to students from these countries.

#### **MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS**

These are the types of scholarships which first come to mind when we think about college scholarships. Merit scholarships are given based on the student's excellence. There are many types of merit scholarships, including: Academic Scholarships, Sports Scholarships and Average Academic Performance Scholarships.

## **GOVERNMENT FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS** The United States government offers many scholarship

United States government offers many scholarship programs, but only a few of them are available to international students. The two big ones are: Fulbright Foreign Student Program, Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program.

**PRIVATELY- FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS** Sometimes private organizations or donors fund scholarships for international students. Most of these have strict eligibility requirements, such as: From a developing country, women, minorities, specific areas of study

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#### **ACADEMIES VIBES**

## My Parameters to Choose an Academy

With the change in time, the competition around us has also increased. Therefore, students have to be trained on how to deal with the challenges that surround them, and for that, they need guidance from experts.

More than just studying for the annual examination, students will also have to prepare for competitive tests, competitions and entrance examinations, if they want to excel in life. A good academy offers an environment that will help them to further strengthen themselves in the billions.

All students have to do is sign up for the classes, and experts will start guiding them at every step. For example, If you are studying in Class 10, you can search for tuition near me for Class 10 offline and find the nearest centre. While looking for offline tuition classes, there are important key points which you need to check before enrolling for offline coaching.

#### **Proximity**

The tuition classes should be near students' houses so that they don't have to waste time travelling to their coaching centres.

#### **Qualification of Teachers**

Only a teacher with a detailed understanding of the subject can teach students well and clear their doubts. A good academy has a team of expert teachers.

The teaching team must have work experience of a minimum of 2-5 years in the field of education and should be famous for its unique teaching styles.

#### **Reviews**

The reason students join tuition centres is to get the required teaching environment so that they

can excel. Look at reviews provided by other students before enrolling. Some judgments should be made only by looking at the experience of others.

#### **Policies**

It's essential to check the enrolment and refund policy before taking admission to a tuition centre. There should be complete transparency when it comes to money.

Policies of a good academy help to provide parents transparency regarding where their money is being used. The admission is contract-based so that parents would have a copy of all the papers and policies in writing.

#### **Progress Testing Structure**

Regular tests and PTM sessions are essential to keep track of students' progress. Parents and teachers need to pay utmost attention to where students are lagging behind, so they can help them.

A good academy provides a structure for regular tests and PTM sessions with students to check their growth. This helps to keep them focussed and sincere towards their studies.

#### Study Material

The study material provided by the coaching centres should be accessible for students to understand, so they don't get confused; different sets of materials for each subject should include all the essential concepts and topics.

The subject experts at a good academy curate the study material provided to students. Their different sets of study materials contain the explanation portion and practice questions. The explanation should be provided in the most

simplified manner, so students don't have to refer to any additional resources for studying.

The advantage of joining a good academy these days may also include pre-loaded video sessions for studying.

#### **Students' Comfort**

Students' comfort is crucial because if they don't feel comfortable, they won't be able to study correctly. So, students should make sure that they are satisfied with the teaching pattern. There should be a friendly relationship between the teachers and students so they can discuss their doubts without any hindrance.

At a good academy, teachers provide a very comfortable environment to the students so they can ask their doubts without hesitating. If there are two teachers, one to explain the concepts and the other to resolve doubts during the ongoing session, it will further help in students' growth.

#### **Class Environment**

The class environment should be very uplifting. There should be proper infrastructure and appropriate seats and chairs for the learners. All the amenities should be provided, keeping students' comfort in mind.

#### **Punctuality**

Regular classes help to build a habit of studying at a particular time of the day. Inconsistent timings can lead to an increase in gaps, which will create problems in the flow of studying, leading to confusion in steps. A good academy pays special attention to this so that students do not face any issues.

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#### **CURRENT AFFAIRS - Personalities**

## **INDIANS** in News

#### Spinoza Prize



Indian-origin scientist Joyeeta Gupta has been honored with the prestigious Spinoza Prize, also known as the 'Dutch Nobel Prize', for her remarkable contributions to science and her commitment to creating a just and sustainable world.

The Spinoza Prize is widely regarded as the highest distinction in Dutch science. It recognizes outstanding researchers who have made significant advancements in their fields and have demonstrated exceptional scientific contributions.

The official presentation of the Spinoza Prize is scheduled to take place on October 4th, where Joyeeta Gupta will be honored for her exceptional achievements.

#### Praveen Kumar Srivastava Becomes New CVC



In a significant development, Praveen Kumar Srivastava has assumed the esteemed position of Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) in a ceremony attended by prominent dignitaries. Transition from Acting CVC Prior to assuming the role of Central Vigilance Commissioner, Praveen Kumar Srivastava served as the acting CVC following the completion of Suresh N. Patel's tenure. Praveen Kumar Srivastava belongs to the distinguished Assam-Meghalaya cadre of the Indian Administrative Service.

#### **Nathuram Mirdha**



The city of Nagaur in Rajasthan witnessed a significant event on May 14 as Vice-President of India, Jagdeep Dhankhar, unveiled the statue of the late Nathuram Mirdha. The ceremony paid homage to the exemplary contributions and achievements of Nathuram Mirdha, a distinguished figure in Indian politics and society. His noteworthy roles included being a parliamentarian, freedom fighter, social reformer, and farmer leader. As the Chairman of the National Agricultural Prices Commission, he implemented several schemes in the interest of farmers.

#### ASI Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award

The Astronomical Society of India (ASI) has recently instituted the prestigious Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award to honor remarkable individuals in the field of astronomy. In the



inaugural ceremony, the award was conferred upon the renowned astronomer, Jayant Naralikar. Naralikar's influential role in the field of astronomy is highlighted by his position as the founding director of the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA).

The Govind Swarup Lifetime Achievement Award is named in honor of the late Prof. Govind Swarup, who is widely regarded as the pioneer of radio astronomy in India. Swarup, the founding director of the National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA), led groundbreaking projects such as the Ooty Radio Telescope (ORT) and the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT).

#### Françoise Gilot



Françoise Gilot was a highly accomplished painter whose artistic career was overshadowed by her tumultuous and well-known romantic relationship with the renowned artist Pablo Picasso. Despite the challenges she faced, Gilot's talent and resilience made her a respected figure in the art world.

#### **CURRENT AFFAIRS - Personalities**

## People in News

At the impressive age of 101, Françoise Gilot passed away, leaving behind a significant artistic legacy.

In 1964, Gilot collaborated with Carlton Lake to publish her memoir titled "Life with Picasso."

## Recep Tayyip Erdogan Wins Runoff Election

In a closely watched election, Recep Tayyip Erdogan emerged as the winner in Turkey's runoff election, securing his rule until 2028. The victory comes after a challenging period marked by Turkey's worst economic crisis in a generation. Erdogan's ability to overcome these difficulties, along with his transformative but divisive rule, played a significant role in his success. Erdogan's victory in the runoff election has solidified his position as Turkey's longest-serving leader.

#### **Tina Turner Passes Away**

The world mourns the loss of Tina



Turner, a true icon in the music industry. Known for her groundbreaking achievements, she made history as an African-American woman rock-and-roll artist in the '60s and '70s before becoming a pop sensation in '80s. Her anthem of the decade, "What's Love Got to Do with It," solidified her status as a pop icon. Tina's contributions to music and her cultural significance were

recognized with numerous awards, including eight Grammys and a Lifetime Achievement Award.

## Georgi Gospodinov Wins International Booker Prize

Georgi Gospodinov, a prominent Bulgarian writer, has gained international acclaim for his thought-provoking works that delve into the complexities of



human existence. He recently became the first Bulgarian to receive the International Booker Prize. His literary achievements have transcended language barriers with his books being translated into over 20 languages. Alongside Gospodinov's success, the skilled translator Angela Rodel has played a pivotal role in bringing his works to an English-speaking audience.

#### Rayyanah Barnawi



Rayyanah Barnawi made history as the first Arab woman to venture into space. The highly anticipated maiden space mission of Saudi Arabia took place on May 21. Barnawi, along with her coastronaut Ali al-Qarni, embarked on their journey aboard the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.

Renowned astronauts Peggy Whitson and John Shoffner joined Barnawi and al-Qarni on this significant mission. Together, they formed a team representing both Saudi Arabia and the United States. The mission held great importance for Saudi Arabia as it strove to expand its space science education and reduce its reliance on oil, in alignment with the Vision 2030 reform program. This program aimed to create new opportunities and jobs for young Saudis while driving economic diversification.

#### **Robert E Lucas**

Robert E Lucas, an esteemed



economist and Nobel laureate, made significant contributions to the field of macroeconomics. His work challenged the prevailing dominance of Keynesian economics and introduced the concept of rational expectations. He passed away recently at the age of 85.

Robert E Lucas, renowned for his groundbreaking contributions, was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1995. His work has had a profound impact on the development of macroeconomics and macroeconometrics since the 1970s, as recognized by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

Lucas's theory of rational expectations carries significant policy implications.

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# Igniting Imagination: Unveiling First Ever Children's Art Museum Experience on Roblox's Global Platform

The Children's Art Museum of India (CAMI) recently made a significant stride in the world of art education by launching its inaugural game - Children's Art Museum. This innovative virtual art experience is hosted on Roblox's global platform, marking India's first online art museum in the metaverse designed specifically for children. Children's Art Museum aims to unlock creativity, foster artistic expression, and provide an immersive learning environment for young artists across the globe. By offering this game free of charge, CAMI demonstrates its commitment to making art accessible to all children, regardless of their background or financial means.

The game caters to the interests and preferences of children and teenagers aged 4 to 18. It is meticulously tailored to suit this target audience, ensuring a user-friendly experience with effortless navigation for both mobile app and desktop users. CAMI has gone to great lengths to guarantee a smooth and enjoyable gaming experience for players within the intended age group.

Children's Art Museum takes children on a captivating journey of discovery, encouraging them to explore their creativity and learn about Indian art and culture. Through various interactive quests and activities, players are introduced to different art





categories displayed on Roblox's global platform. Each art room within the game represents a distinct artistic realm, providing children with a rich and engaging experience.

Children's Art Museum of India's initiative is not only to promote art appreciation but also to nurture the talents of young artists. By venturing into the virtual world, the Children's Art Museum of India has embraced a modern approach to art education, harnessing the power of technology to ignite children's imaginations and expand their artistic horizons.

With Children's Art Museum, CAMI has embarked on a ground-breaking endeavour to foster

artistic growth and cultural understanding among children worldwide. This game serves as a testament to the museum's unwavering dedication to promoting art education and empowering the next generation of artists.

Children's Art Museum of India's Founders, Manya Roongta and Krish Nawal, jointly expressed their excitement about the launch of the game, stating, "We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new game on the Roblox platform, specially designed to ignite creativity in children between 4 to 18 years of age. Our free-of-charge game provides a fun and interactive experience,

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## Igniting Imagination: <a href="Children's Art Museum Of India">Children's Art Museum Of India</a>

allowing kids to unleash their imagination and explore their artistic potential. With a significant emphasis on fostering knowledge and appreciation for diverse artworks and artists in the metaverse, we offer valuable insights to players, enabling them to explore the world of art and learn about talented creators."

Embark on an enchanting journey through the virtual museum and prepare to be captivated by the extraordinary collection of artwork on display, all meticulously crafted by CAMI's talented young artists. Within this digital realm, a treasure trove of captivating masterpieces awaits, some initially locked, adding an exhilarating element to the experience. Players are invited to embark on engaging scroll missions, unlocking these hidden gems as they showcase their skills and immerse themselves further in the artistic world curated by CAMI. To participate in the immersive "Children's Art Museum of India's game on Roblox", players can start by creating an account on Roblox and searching for the game 'Children's Art Museum' within the platform. Once inside, a world of artistic exploration opens up, featuring specially designed art

rooms where players can delve into the wonders of creativity. Scroll missions serve as gateways to unlock captivating artworks, providing players with a sense of accomplishment as they expand their understanding of art within an exciting virtual environment.

In addition to its captivating artwork, the game offers a diverse range of thrilling games and immersive experiences. Players can engage in challenging balloon burst competitions and adrenaline-pumping paintball arenas, immersing themselves in a realm of excitement and entertainment. Furthermore, a variety of complimentary rides adds to the overall delight of the experience, ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The launch of this game represents a significant milestone in the Children's Art Museum of India's ongoing commitment to providing accessible art educational resources for all. Children's Art Museum of India is thrilled by the overwhelming praise received from kids, educators, and parents alike. The positive reception serves as a testament to the game's ability to captivate young minds and

foster a love for learning art through interactive experiences. By seamlessly intertwining creativity and education, CAMI empowers children to explore, create, and grow within an inclusive and enriching environment.

#### About Children's Art Museum of India

The Gurugram-based brand is the brainchild of two prodigious youngsters, Manya Roongta and Krish Nawal. Founded in 2022 with a compelling vision of uniting children from both the rural landscapes and bustling cityscapes of India, CAMI endeavours to furnish them with a platform to articulate their innermost sentiments through the medium of art. The free-to-use platform serves as a catalyst for the budding generation by delivering comprehensive artistic guidance, thereby nurturing their latent creative potential. The fastgrowing digital museum community empowers individuals and educational institutions to organize art events, polls for artworks, and publish art-centric blogs and newsletters consistently, effectively granting young minds the freedom to soar to new artistic heights.

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### **ENTRANCE EXAMS - Preparation Tips**

## **CAT is Common Admission Test**

#### What is CAT?

The full form of CAT is Common Admission Test. CAT is a nationallevel management entrance exam that helps applicants gain MBA/PGDM admission to IIMs and other prestigious management institutes across the country. There are three major areas of the test: Data Interpretation, Verbal Ability and Reading Comprehension, Logical Reasoning, and Quantitative Ability. However, the only criterion to sit for CAT is that the applicants must be studying in their final year or obtained a bachelor's degree with a minimum of 50% aggregate.

#### When is CAT 2023 conducted?

The CAT 203 is conducted in the month of late November to early December across 150 exam centres located in different test cities of India. CAT is conducted every year by any one of the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) based on a policy of rotation. Candidates who are seeking admission to the MBA programme will have to appear for this entrance test and obtain a valid score to be eligible for admission to IIMs and other top B-Schools of

#### How is the CAT exam centre allotted to the applicants?

The CAT exam centre is allotted to the applicants based on their chosen preferences. The applicant can specify up to six cities on the application form where they would like to take the CAT 2023 exam. Once a CAT 2023 exam centre has been chosen, requests to modify it will not be accepted by the conducting authority. Although not guaranteed, candidates usually get the first or second CAT exam centre of their choice.

#### What is the duration of CAT 2023?

The duration of CAT 2023 is two hours or 120 minutes. The test will be conducted in Computer-Based Mode (CBT). As there are three sections (VARC, DILR, QA) in the CAT exam, each section will have a duration of 40 minutes. Slot-wise, the exam will be conducted in three sessions, namely, Morning, Afternoon, and Evening.

#### Who is the conducting body of CAT 2023?

It is given that only IIMs will be the conducting body of CAT 2023. In India, there are in total of 20 IIMs, and one of them administers the CAT exam every year on a fixed rotational basis. As soon as the latest notification is released. CAT authorities will announce the organising body for CAT 2023. In the years 2022 and 2021, CAT was conducted by IIM Bangalore and IIM Ahmedabad respectively.

How many colleges accept CAT scores?

In India, nearly 3,763 colleges accept CAT scores since it is one of the most important entrance exams for MBA admissions in the country. Currently, there are a total of 20 Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) that accept the CAT score. More than one thousand other prestigious management institutes like MDI Gurgaon, FMS Delhi, S P Jain Mumbai, XLRI Jamshedpur, etc. also accept CAT scores. For more, aspirants can visit the official website of the selected college to find out if the college accepts CAT scores or not.

#### How tough is CAT?

Overall, it can be said that CAT has a moderately tough difficulty level, however, the exam seems easy for many students who have started their preparation early and kept practising all three sections equally. With the right preparation strategy and a lot of practice, candidates can easily crack the entrance test and score a good percentile in the exam.

#### What are the benefits of appearing for the CAT 2023?

One of the most noteworthy benefits of appearing for the CAT 2023 is the opportunity to study in the IIMs and some of the prestigious management institutes in the country like MDI Gurgaon, FMS Delhi, S P Jain Mumbai, XLRI

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Jamshedpur, etc. The entrance test also helps the students in improving their logical thinking, reasoning, and time management skills.

### What does it take to clear the CAT 2023 exam?

Attempting mock tests regularly is what it takes to clear the CAT 2023 exam on its first attempt. The more mock tests you solve, the higher your chances of scoring in the CAT. Therefore, it is recommended to solve at least three mock tests a week. A mix of smart work, dedication, and hard work along with proper planning will help you clear the CAT exam. Candidates can plan their preparation as per their strengths and weaknesses.

#### Is CAT conducted every year?

Yes, CAT is conducted every year by any one of the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) based on a policy of rotation. CAT is one of the many popular MBA entrance exams that, without a fail, is conducted every year. Candidates who are seeking admission to the MBA programme will have to appear for this entrance test and obtain a valid score to be eligible for admission to IIMs and other top B-Schools of India.

## How many times is CAT conducted in a year?

CAT is conducted once a year and the application form for the exam is released either in August or September. The exam is held in the month of late November to early December every year across 150 exam centres located in different test cities of India.

## How to calculate the CAT percentile?

The CAT percentile can be calculated just like percentiles in other exams. The percentiles are just a representation/indication of

the number of people who are behind you in the test. The General formula to calculate percentile along with some of the examples in this regard are elaborated below.

Percentile = ( 1 - All India Rank(Total Candidates in the Exam) \* 100%

Example 1: Let us assume that 50 candidates appeared for the CAT exam. You have done well in the exam and scored 3rd rank in the entrance test, which means that 47 students scored less than you. Now, your percentile should be calculated as follows: -

47/50\*100 = 94 Percentile.

## What happens if I fail the CAT exam?

The CAT exam does not use the concepts of passing or failing. You will either receive a high percentile, which will permit you to promptly be called from IIM or one of your top universities, or a low percentile, which will prevent you from receiving a call for the next step in the admissions process. Further, if you do not achieve a decent percentile score, you can still enrol in reputable management institutes by taking the other management entrance exams like CMAT, NMAT, MAT, IIFT, IBSAT, XAT, GMAT, SNAP, MICAT, KMAT, TISS NET, GRE, or GATE.

### How many attempts for CAT are allowed?

Inexhaustible attempts for CAT are allowed. In other words, there is no upper age limit or cap on the number of times you can take the CAT exam 2023. However, the only criterion to sit for CAT is that the applicants must be studying in their final year or obtained a bachelor's degree with a minimum of 50% aggregate. Further, if you are targeting to work for a reputed firm, a few companies consider the

number of CAT attempts taken by a candidate as an eligibility criterion. Hence, students must try to clear the exam in as minimum attempts as possible.

### How much is the CAT exam fee 2023?

The CAT exam fee 2023 for General, EWS and NC-OBC categories is INR 2,300 and for SC, ST and PwD category is INR 1,150. You can pay the fees online using net banking or a debit/credit card. Candidates should be aware that the CAT application fee is not transferable. As the CAT application and registration is a one-time process, candidates must thoroughly check the form and apply accordingly.

## Can you crack the CAT exam 2023 without coaching?

Yes, candidates can crack the CAT exam 2023 without coaching only if they aggressively prepare for it. However, aspirants must keep in mind that the exam offers tough competition and simultaneously demands considerable time and consistent effort. Most experts recommend that applicants who want to perform well on the exam should take CAT coaching but it is not mandatory.

## Can a student without a Maths background clear CAT 2023?

Definitely, a student without a Maths background can clear CAT 2023 but candidates will have to invest a lot of effort in the arithmetic component. For this, they should practice the previous year's question papers, take various mock tests and practice papers, and master multiple strategies to increase their efficiency. By this, candidates will be able to learn all the basic concepts and solve difficult mathematical problems on time.

#### **PARENTING**

## Common Parenting Mistakes That Demotivate Children

Wouldn't it be great if your children were motivated and independent learners? That way, you wouldn't have to nag or scold them to do their homework.

Parents often tell me how frustrated they are that their teens hate school. They're also concerned that this lack of motivation will carry over to other areas of life. The problem is that parents often demotivate their children unintentionally.

Here are 10 of the most common mistakes parents make – so do your best to avoid them in your home.

## Mistake #1: Give your children too many rewards based on achievement or behaviour

This is a trap that many parents fall into, and for good reason. The first time you try it, it seems to work.

You might tell your children that you'll pay them a dollar each time they get more than 85% for a class test. This seems to work because they start studying harder.

You think to yourself, "Great. Problem solved!"

Then a few weeks later you realise their motivation has waned. They complain that getting a good grade deserves more than one dollar.

An argument breaks out, and you find yourself justifying the price. You even explain that studying hard is their basic responsibility as a student.

If this describes your situation, you're not alone.

## Mistake #2: Overemphasise the importance of academics

Parents think that emphasising the importance of academics will motivate their children to work hard

The problem is that this approach

doesn't turn your children into lifelong learners.

Learning isn't just about getting good grades. It's also about enjoying the process.

When children enjoy learning, they become motivated to keep on learning.

Grades can affect your job prospects, but many great leaders weren't great students. Unfortunately, many of the students I've worked with tell me that their parents seem to think that grades are the only thing that matters.

We now know that there are many different types of intelligence and that the education system only measures some of these.

All parents would agree that social skills, character development, and learning to relax and reflect are also important areas of focus.

When parents dismiss their children's hobbies and games as a waste of time, they hurt their children's feelings and damage the parent-child relationship.

Parents must value and respect their children's activities. Dance and sport can improve kinaesthetic intelligence, and games and discussions can boost intrapersonal intelligence.

These are vital skills for children to learn and carry with them through life.

## Mistake #3: Supervise your children too closely

Micromanaging your children produces similar results to micromanaging employees.

It builds resentment, damages relationships, and robs children of valuable learning experiences.

When children have the opportunity to plan their own work and take responsibility for their

actions, they become more mature and wise.

They also develop independence and organisational skills that will benefit them in school and beyond.

Children who take responsibility for their actions come to understand that they have control over their life. They learn that they have the ability to create their own success in school and beyond.

Let your children know you're there for them if they need support. But make it clear that they shouldn't look to you for all the answers.

If they need help, provide strategies they can use to find the answers themselves.

Parents who think of themselves as facilitators rather than supervisors foster self-sufficiency in their children.

## Mistake #4: Fail to create a family culture of learning

You've probably noticed that children copy what their parents do, more so than what their parents say.

Children are observational learners, so family culture has a big influence on your children's mindset.

When it comes to your children's learning, one of the most effective things you can do is to create a family culture of learning.

If your children see that you enjoy acquiring new skills and knowledge, they're more likely to enjoy learning too.

Show your children how fun it is to be a lifelong learner, so they'll see the value of education beyond grades.

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#### **HOBBIES**

## Hobbies Are Good For You! - 2

Let's get some deep into the World of Hobbies

#### What is a Hobby?

Here's my best definition of a hobby: A hobby is a regular activity done for enjoyment, typically during one's free time. Hobbies are usually not done professionally (or for payment).

Hobbies vary greatly, and can include active hobbies, mental hobbies, and creative pursuits.

When you have a hobby, this naturally leads you to acquiring skills and knowledge in your chosen area. A hobby is active, instead of passive.

For this reason, I don't tend to consider watching TV, for example, a true hobby.

#### **Hobbies Examples**

There are so many great examples of hobbies! It just really depends on your interests and how much time you have to dedicate to your new hobby.

We'll share lots of hobbies examples here, but also don't be afraid to ask others about their favorite hobbies. You may even find a friend to take up a hobby with (a great way to get some accountability)!

If we're looking at the most popular examples of hobbies, and ones you may be most familiar with, I'd say some good examples of hobbies are: running, yoga, doing puzzles, reading, and cooking!

Obviously, there are many, many more examples of hobbies, and we will list a bunch of them throughout this post!

#### **Advantages of Hobbies**

There are just so, so many advantages of having one or more hobbies!

Here are just a few...

Hobbies can strengthen your relationships as you collaborate, share, teach and learn from and with others.

Hobbies are great for relaxation and can help you reduce stress. Hobbies are great selfcare activities!

Hobbies help make you an interesting, well-rounded person that others enjoy being around and talking to.

Hobbies are great for your mental health.

Hobbies are perfect for helping you learn new skills, which can lead to improvements in your job and other areas of your life.

Hobbies can offer you interesting challenges. Overcoming these challenges can help you build confidence and self esteem.

Hobbies can help improve your memory, concentration and focus.

Hobbies can help improve your fine motor skills and handeye coordination.

A variety of hobbies (could be referred to as "personal interests" added to a resume will help make you look more well-rounded, interesting and attractive to a potential employer.

Hobbies are just FUN, plain and simple!

#### **Types of Hobbies**

There are various types of hobbies out there, and everyone will probably have a category or two that they enjoy best.

For the purposes of this list, I am focusing on 8 different categories,

or hobbies types: physical hobbies/active hobbies, creative and diy craft hobbies, mental hobbies, musical hobbies, collecting hobbies, food/drink hobbies, games/puzzles hobbies, and model/woodworking hobbies. You can challenge yourself to try one of each type of hobby as a fun personal or family new years resolution.

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#### LIFE STYLE SKILLS

## How to Help Teens Put Less Pressure on Themselves?

Self-compassion can help teens who are struggling with toxic perfectionism.



My friend's teen daughter, Belen, had a big upcoming exam this past semester. Starting a week before the exam, she studied incessantly. The night before the exam, she hardly slept—she was too nervous, tossing and turning in bed, going through in her mind all the facts that she needed to know, and worrying that she missed something important. When she finally went in to take the test, she was practically paralyzed with fear, and was barely able to think clearly.

This is a really tough time for teens. According to the U.S. Surgeon General in his advisory, the pressure that teens are facing today is unprecedented. And it's not just from the pandemic: According to the 2019 CDC Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance survey, mental health among youth did a nose-dive over the last decade, with depression and sadness increasing by 40%, and those with a suicide plan increasing by 44%.

#### What's been going on?

Of course, there are many external

factors that play a role. Lockdowns and school closings have kept teens isolated—at a time when the developmentally appropriate thing to do would be connecting with their peers. According to a report, teens and young adults are stressed from what they hear in the news: gun violence (particu larly school shootings and mass shootings), political discord, climate change and global warming, separation and depor tation of immigrant families, and sexual assault and harassment.

But here I'd like to focus on something more internal: the exceedingly high standards many teens set for themselves. Whether it's a desire for straight As, flawless skin, or athletic stardom, the quest to stand out as "the best" often drives teens to be relentlessly hard on themselves, which can lead to feelings of unworthiness and depression. Yet knowing that there is a way out—that they don't have to relentlessly beat themselves up in order to be successful and happy—can be enormously

relieving for teens.

#### Perfectionism in teens

When my daughter was in high school, she insisted that she take every extra curricular class that was available. We assured her that she'd get into a good college without taking every one. But she insisted, and gave me that classic teen eye roll, which says undeniably, "You just don't know..."

Many teens feel like they aren't good enough unless they are at the top of their class and excel in their sport of choice and are the best at the instrument they play and have a ton of friends and have hundreds of "likes" on whatever they post...you get the idea.

Some of this feeling of not being "good enough" comes from comparing themselves with others, or social comparison. Although it's perfectly natural to measure yourself against others—it is rooted in our inherent need to belong and be accepted—it isn't necessarily good for our mental health.

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#### LIFE STYLE SKILLS

#### **How to Help Teens Put Less Pressure on Themselves?**

Self-compassion can help teens who are struggling with toxic perfectionism

For teens, determining your value by comparing yourself with others is perpetuated in schools with grades and GPAs, which make it easy to see precisely how you measure up to your competition. I can still remember what my rank was in my high school graduating class—over 40 years ago! Even worse, social comparison is fueled by social media, where the number of "likes" you receive is a clear indicator of how popular you are. No wonder Franklin Roosevelt said, "Comparison is the thief of joy."

Comparing oneself to others and striving to be perfect is a recipe for mental health problems. We know from research that self-critical perfectionism is linked to depression and anxiety. This is a different kind of perfectionism than what researchers call "personal standards perfectionism," which simply means setting high goals for yourself without the harsh self-criticism.

#### What can we do?

How can we help teens see that it's possible to have high standards for themselves, while at the same time treating themselves kindly? That they can encourage themselves, speaking to themselves, speaking to themselves kindly—the way they speak to their friends—and, in so doing, keep anxiety and depression at bay?

#### Ways to combat perfectionism

Simply put, teens can learn how to be more self-compassionate. Self-compassion teaches us to treat ourselves with kindness and support. As defined by Kristin Neff, self-compassion is being aware that you're struggling, understanding that difficult emotions like hurt, anger, disappointment, and loneliness are part of the human condition, and then taking an active role in supporting and

comforting yourself when you're feeling this way.

In one study among teens in Australia, for example, when teens were more self-compassionate, being perfectionistic was less likely to lead to depression. The same real care.

Teens learn short meditation practices that they can do on the spot, whenever they're feeling upset or anxious, and longer meditation practices that they can do when they have the time. Most



thing happened in another study among Chinese undergraduates: Those who were more selfcompassionate were less likely to be depressed.

It is possible for teens to learn to be more self-compassionate. Self-compassion can be cultivated and nurtured, and various self-compassion programs have been developed and tested. One is 'Making Friends with Yourself', which has been found to result in lower anxiety, depression, and stress.

In the self-compassion program, teens learn that they don't have to treat themselves harshly in order to motivate themselves. Second, they learn about common humanity—that other teens are struggling just like them. Although this may be obvious to adults, teens often feel like they are the only ones struggling, and that their peers are confident happy campers, strolling through the teen years without

importantly, teens learn that they have the ability within themselves to treat themselves with kindness, and that they don't have to wait for someone else to treat them kindly. Furthermore, they don't have to be perfect to be deserving of being treated well; that all of us roaming on this planet are imperfect, and being imperfect is, well, perfectly OK.

As for Belen, my friend's daughter, she's learning to be more selfcompassionate. Of course, she still has to study—self-compassion doesn't let you off the hook from doing your work. In fact, she's studying just as much, but doesn't have the same fear of failing as she once did. She knows that if she fails a test, it doesn't mean that she's not a worthy and valuable good person; failing doesn't change who she is. She'll just have to regroup, and think of what's her best and most effective strategy going forward.

#### **LEADERS TALK**

## Meet 2013 CBSE topper, IIT-Roorkee alumnus Sopan Khosla who works as an Al scientist at Amazon



#### Sopan Khosla

CBSE topper (year 2013), applied scientist at Amazon Web Services

"Graduate applications do not give much heed to school performance. So apart from temporary publicity and a good name for my hometown Jabalpur, I don't think a lot changed long-term after my Class 12 board results," says Sopan Khosla.

Sopan Khosla (26) topped the CBSE Class 12 Board examinations in 2013 with 99% in science. A student of Delhi Public School in Jabalpur, he pursued BTech (2013-17) at IIT Roorkee, where he was awarded the director's gold medal for outstanding all-round achievement and a master's degree (2019-21) from Carnegie Mellon University in the US. Khosla is an applied scientist at Amazon Web Services Al Labs in California.

## Q. What's the best thing about your work?

I get to work on what I love while impacting millions of users. Disentangling valuable signals from the ambiguity of communication has been a long-term interest of mine. A successful interaction, for example, a

dialogue, is dependent on the mutual understanding of the world-models of all parties. As humans, when we talk to other humans, we take in subtleties beyond the mere set of symbols and sounds. We make assumptions that leverage common-sense, interpersonal relationships, and world knowledge to better understand the other person's needs, intentions, and emotions. In my job, I work towards building Al systems that can capture such hidden (semantic and pragmatic) signals from their conversations with customers. So, the systems can now better understand the customer's goals, and help them take actions towards fulfilling those goals.

## Q. What are the habits from school or college life that have stood you in good stead?

The major ones have been perseverance and discipline. Whether lifting heavier weights, learning a new sport, or doing research, these two have always been the make or break for me.

People talk about talent as if it is an inherent ability to be good at something or that one can only be born with it. I would firmly push back on that and posit that like everything else, "talent" can be (and has to be) developed through discipline and perseverance.

## Q. In hindsight, one thing you wish you had done differently in school or college or life?

I wish I had explicitly sought collaborations and contacts during my Masters at Carnegie Mellon University. I don't know whether it was because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the remote classes, or just hesitation, but I should have approached more people during my tenure there.

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## Sopan Khosla who works as an Al scientist at Amazon



It is astonishing how many doors that can open for you. While most of us might think that we are aiming to get into a top-tier undergrad college because they have good professors or great research facilities, or we would get to learn something about a subject not taught anywhere else in the country. Sorry, to burst the bubble, but most people (including myself) don't remember much about the subjects they took in those four years, and most professors are not good teachers. That is just the sad truth. The biggest things I cherish from my undergrad days are the connections I made with other students. Some on an emotional level, some on an "admiration" level. Both of which have been equally important for me throughout. I wish I had done the same during my Master's too, especially with people who have very similar expertise to mine.

## Q. Could you talk about what helped you top the Board exam?

Extracurriculars and school. Yup, you saw it right the first time, School!! "Dekhiye padhai toh sab karte hain (Look, everybody studies)" is an infamous line from

one of the interviews I gave (in my naivety, ofcourse) after the 12th board results.

In all seriousness, what helped me do well in boards and competitive exams were these outlets. There is just too much pressure! The society builds these great colleges with the promise of golden palaces and cars thereafter. So to get admissions into such esteemed institutions for two straight years, our teens do one thing and one thing only — study. Studying for five hours? How about increasing it to six? How about you study so much that you are solving Physics questions in your sleep?! This builds up so much tension.

Things like music and badminton gave me that escape I needed to crawl through those two years of continuous stress. School, for me, was a place to interact with friends and teachers, participate in events and ultimately take my mind off things.

## Q. What doors opened for you after being a national ranker?

Honestly, not much. I went to IIT Roorkee for my undergrad. Its admission process does not consider board marks. Graduate applications give little heed to school performance. So apart from temporary publicity, a good name for Jabalpur, and occasional bullying, I don't think a lot changed long-term after my Class 12 board results.

Q. How different are you from the young boy who topped the exam

several years ago? Tell us how you have changed...

As compared to who I was in 2012-13, I think, I have come out of my shell a little bit. During that time, I was always worrying about the future. Having not done anything until then, I was unsure of myself. I didn't really have any significant data points to build that self-belief.

Things have changed for the better, slowly, but still. I have more trust in myself when it comes to taking on hard challenges. I know that I can do anything I set my mind on. But maybe more importantly, the thought of failure, in general, does not have that crippling effect on me anymore. Along the way, I have been fortunate enough to have gathered memories and experiences that I can lean on to pull myself back up again.

Q. Looking back at your school education, with the benefit of hindsight, what is the one thing you think should change or improve?

Subjects that provide education about finance, investment, and commerce should be included in the curriculum regardless of the chosen stream.

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## **QUIZ - Reasoning Ability**

Directions (1-5): In the given questions, relationship between different elements is shown in the statement(s). These statements are followed by two conclusions. Find which of the conclusion(s) will be definitely true.

Q1. Statements:  $L > M < N = R \le S$ ,  $T \ge G < W > S$ 

Conclusions: I. R > T

II. M < W

(a) Only conclusion I is true

(b) Only conclusion II is true

(c) Either conclusion I or II is true

(d) Neither conclusion I nor II is true

(e) Both conclusions I and II are true

Q2. Statements:  $P \ge Q$ ,  $Q \le X$ , X > S, S < Y

Conclusions: I. P > X

II. Y > X

(a) Only conclusion I is true

(b) Only conclusion II is true

(c) Either conclusion I or II is true

(d) Neither conclusion I nor II is true

(e) Both conclusions I and II are true

Q3. Statements:  $N = K < E \le B = Q \ge U > G$ 

Conclusions: I. B > G

II. Q≥E

(a) Only conclusion I is true

(b) Only conclusion II is true

(c) Either conclusion I or II is true

(d) Neither conclusion I nor II is true

(e) Both conclusions I and II are true

**Q4.** Statements:  $L \le Q$ , N > Z,  $L \le Z$ , N = Y

Conclusions: I. L < Y

II. Z > Q

(a) Only conclusion I is true

(b) Only conclusion II is true

(c) Either conclusion I or II is true

(d) Neither conclusion I nor II is true

(e) Both conclusions I and II are true

**Q5. Statements:**  $W \ge U = J$ ,  $K \le V = S$ , S < M > W

Conclusions: I. M > J

II. V < W

(a) Only conclusion I is true

(b) Only conclusion II is true

(c) Either conclusion I or II is true

(d) Neither conclusion I nor II is true

(e) Both conclusions I and II are true

## Directions (6-7): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions that follow.

In a three-generation family, there are eight members, Z, A, B, C, D, E, F, and G in which there are

three married couples. D is the mother of C who is the brother-in-law of B. G is the paternal uncle of C. F has only two sons and both sons are married. C is the grandson of F. E is the daughter-in-law of F. D has only one child. A does not belong to the 3rd generation.

Q6. What is the relation of B with respect to Z?

(a) Wife

(b) Brother-in-law

(c) Sister-in-law

(d) Brother

(e) Can't be determined

Q7. Who is the mother-in-law of E?

(a) Z

(b) A

(c) F

(d) D

(e) Can't be determined

Directions (8-10): Read the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

There are eleven members in a family of three generations in which there are three married couples. B is the brother of E who is the sister-in-law of D. M is the sibling of D Q is the female member of the family. L is the father-in-law of E. H is the granddaughter of C who is the spouse of L. H is the daughter of E. T is the sister-in-law of L. Sibling of H is the daughter-in-law of O. T is unmarried. O is the mother of A. M is one of the members of the family.

Q8. How many female members are there in the family?

(a) Six

(b) Seven

(c) Eight

(d) Either (a) or (b)

(e) None of these

Q9. What is the relation of Q with respect to O?

(a) Niece

(b) Daughter-in-law

(c) Sister-in-law

(d) Daughter

(e) None of these

Q10. Who is the grandmother of H?

(a) C

(b) T

(c) M

(d) Q

(e) O

(See Answers in Next Edition)



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## **CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ**

- 1. What is 'Acinetobacter baumannii', which was seen in the news?
- [A] Cryptocurrency
- [B] Malware
- [C] Bacteria
- [D] Animal species
- 2. A 'New Replenishment Mechanism for Flexible Funding' has been proposed for which organisation?
- [A] WHO
- [B] NSIL
- [C] DRDO
- [D] NITI Aayog
- 3. 'Gateway to the Underworld' is an artefact belonging to which country?
- [A] India
- [B] Sri Lanka
- [C] Mexico
- [D] Australia
- 4. Census 2021, which was postponed due to COVID-19, includes options for how many religions?
- [A] Four
- [B] Six
- [C] Eight
- [D] Ten
- 5. India has moved WTO dispute panel over which import duties?
- [A] Information and communication technologies (ICT)
- [B] Plastic Products
- [C] Petroleum Products
- [D] Manufactured Goods
- 6. Which country has launched the 'Shenzhou-16' Mission?
- [A] Japan
- [B] China
- [C] South Korea
- [D] Israel
- 7. A Submarine Mud Volcano has been recently spotted in which country?
- [A] Australia
- [B] Chile

- [C] Norway
- [D] Japan
- 8. 'Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)' was founded in which year?
- [A] 1988
- [B] 1998
- [C] 2008
- [D] 2018
- 9. Which institutions released the 'Hunger Hotspots –Early warnings on acute food insecurity' report?
- [A] World Bank- IMF
- [B] IMF- WEF
- [C] FAO- WFP
- [D] WHO- FAO
- 10. Which country has launched USD 17 billion project known as the 'Route of Development'?
- [A] Iraq
- [B] Iran
- [C] UAE
- [D] Israel
- 11. The 'Greentech Safety Award 2023' was awarded to which organisation?
- [A] REC
- [B] RINL
- [C] PFC
- [D] SAIL
- 12. Which institution is set to introduce the 'Expected Loss-based Approach for Bad Loan Provisioning'?
- [A] RBI
- [B] SEBI
- [C] EPFO
- [D] PFRDA
- 13. 'Recep Tayyip Erdogan' has won the Presidential Election of which country?
- [A] Myanmar
- [B] Afghanistan
- [C] Turkiye
- [D] Greece
- 14. Which country is the host of

- the '22nd SCO Summit'?
- [A] China
- [B] India
- [C] Sri Lanka
- [D] Myanmar
- 15. Which state renamed Ahmednagar into Ahilyanagar?
- [A] Odisha
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Uttarakhand
- 16. 'Combined Maritime Forces' coalition is led by?
- [A] Russia
- [B] USA
- [C] UK
- [D] Germany
- 17. Which country introduced a category-based selection for Express Entry immigration management program?
- [A] USA
- [B] Canada
- [C] Australia
- [D] UK
- 18. Which country recently proposed 'Draft Aircraft Bill, 2023' to simplify regulations?
- [A] India
- [B] Afghanistan
- [C] Bangladesh
- [D] Sri Lanka
- 19. Which country is the host of the 'Multilateral Naval Exercise Komodo'?
- [A] Indonesia
- [B] Myanmar
- [C] Nepal
- [D] Bangladesh
- 20. 62 Desiccation-Tolerant
  Vascular Plant Species have been recently discovered in which country?
- [A] India
- [B] Myanmar
- [C] Nepal
- [D] Bangladesh
- (See Answers in Next Edition)

#### **CAREER OPTIONS**

## Best Career Options for LLB Graduates

The legal profession in India has witnessed numerous changes over the years. Lawyers are no longer confined to the courtrooms where they represent their clients. Legal graduates today work in a variety of settings, including corporations, IT firms, administrative services, law firms, and corporate houses.

Lawyers in India are not restricted to the three branches of government: legislature, executive, and judiciary. With constantly changing legislation, it's more necessary than ever for businesses to get legal counsel that can address new requirements in various industries.

We currently live in an extraordinary world. Thousands of people are losing their employment as a result of the COVID outbreak. Many people are perplexed as to the job path they should take to ensure their success in such circumstances. Law is one of those fields that is recessionproof, and the demand for attorneys will not decline in the future. In a post-COVID-19 world, lawyers are more needed than ever, given the current scenario and the outcomes from various sectors. With the economic downturn, medical crises, police reforms, health-care disparities, and the fragility of small enterprises, competent legal aid will be required in the coming years. Lawyers will be kept busy in the coming decade.

However, India still lacks sufficient lawyers, and to meet all of the post-pandemic requirements, the country will require more lawyers than ever before. Various opportunities open up for students after their law graduation, and these opportunities can fetch them well too, let us study the career options students have after their LLB graduation.

## Best career options for LLB graduates

#### Litigation

Litigation entails advocating for clients in a court of law. Before you can practice on the court, you must first meet certain prerequisites. The requirements are- an LL.B. degree, the 'Certificate of Practice' obtained after passing the *Bar Council Exam*, and membership in the Bar Council of the state in which you desire to practice. This procedure turns you into an "advocate".

As an advocate, certain characteristics provide you with an advantage. These include the capacity to communicate with clients, as well as a flair of persuasiveness (which aids in making an impression on the presiding Judge), and lastly organizational and managerial skills (as litigation involves getting loads of paperwork completed on time).

#### Law firm

A law firm is another way to enter the field of litigation. A law firm is a partnership that employs lawyers to represent clients. A law company might either specialize in one area of practice or practice in various fields.

It is currently common for law undergraduates to intern for a legal firm over a period of internship breaks, with the law company finally offering them a preplacement position (PPO). This is a win-win situation for all sides because the legal firm hires someone who is familiar with the firm's operations and expectations, and the graduate receives an employment opportunity on a silver platter. You can either undertake legal research, drafting, and paperwork in a law office or represent a client in court. To qualify for the latter, you must first be an advocate.

#### **Judicial services**

The judiciary is another legal job option for fresh graduates. This entails taking the individual state's Judicial Services Examination and, if chosen, serving as a Civil Judge or Judicial Magistrate. Questions related to current events, English, substantive and procedural civil and criminal law, property law, contract law, and other topics are included in the exam.

#### Corporate sector

Every firm or business organization engages in day-to-day operations that involve legal complexities. The advice of a legal practitioner is frequently valued, whether it is for the design of a contract or for advice on the legal implications of any activity.

Working in a corporate office's legal department entails creating

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contracts, negotiating, advising on mergers and acquisitions, insolvency, and maintaining corporate compliance, among other things.

One must first look for a vacancy in a company's legal department and then apply for it. This is usually accomplished by going to their official website and emailing the application paperwork to the company's HR Manager.

#### **Judicial Clerk**

When it comes to deciding cases or making up for the mistake, every judge needs help. This task is done by the Judicial Clerk who is essentially an assistant to the Judge in conducting research on the cases that are in front of the judge. The duties of a judicial clerk vary from one court to the other and from one judge to the other. The requirements of a Judicial Clerk are as follows:

- A candidate must be a citizen of India and not be below the age of 18 years and above 27 years as of the last date of receipt of applications.
- The candidate must be a law graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Law (including an Integrated Degree Course in Law) from any school/college/university/ institution established by law in India and recognized by the Bar Council of India for enrolment as an Advocate.
- Candidates enrolled in the fifth year of the Five-Year Integrated Law Course will be allowed to apply if they can show proof of obtaining a law qualification at the time of the interview/before starting the assignment as a Law Clerk/Research Assistant.
- The candidate must be computer literate, including the ability to retrieve needed information via search engines/processes such as Manupatra, SCC Online, LexisNexis, Westlaw,

and others.

#### Human Rights lawyer

Human rights lawyers are at the forefront of the fight against breaches of human rights all around the world. They take on cases involving their clients' inherent dignity. Vulnerable populations, marginalised groups, women, children, indigenous peoples, refugees, LGBTI communities, and others have their rights protected. Working as a human rights lawyer entails campaigning for those who have been victims of egregious injustices. Human rights lawyers hold governments, corporations, and hostile groups accountable when they violate or abuse human rights.

You can work for human rights courts like the *European Court of Human Rights* or (... Contd.)

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